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IMPERFORABLE. *adj.* [*in* and *perforatus*, Latin.] Not to be bored through.

IMPERFORATE. *adj.* [*in* and *perforatus*, Latin.] Not pierced through; without a hole.

Sometimes children are born *imperforate*; in which case a small puncture, dressed with a tent, effects the cure. *Sharp.*

IMPERIAL. *adj.* [*imperialis*, French; *imperialis*, Latin.]

1. Royal; possessing royalty.

Aim he took
At a fair vassal, throned in the West;
But I might see young Cupid's fiery shaft
Quench'd in the chaste beams of the wat'ry moon,
And the imperial vot'ers pass'd on
In maiden meditation, fancy free. *Shakespeare.*

2. Betokening royalty; marking sovereignty.

My due from thee is this imperial crown,
Which, as immediate from thy place and blood,
Derives itself to me. *Shakespeare. Henry IV.*

3. Belonging to an emperor or monarch; regal; royal; monarchical.

The main body of the marching foe
Against th' imperial palace is design'd. *Dryd. Ann. Mirab.*

You that are a foreign prince, ally
Imperial pow'r with your paternal sway. *Dryden.*

To tame the proud, the fetter'd slave to free,
These are imperial arts, and worthy thee. *Dryden's An.*

IMPERIALIST. *n. f.* [*from imperial*.] One that belongs to an emperor.

The imperialist imputed the cause of so shameful a flight
unto the Venetians. *Knox's History of the Turks.*

IMPERIOUS. *adj.* [*imperioux*, French; *imperioux*, Latin.]

1. Commanding; tyrannical; authoritative; haughty; arrogant; assuming command.

If it be your proud will
To shew the power of your imperious eyes. *Spenser.*

This imperious man will work us all
From princes into pages. *Shakespeare's Henry VIII.*

Not th' imperious show
Of the full-fortun'd Cæsar ever shall
Be brooch'd with me. *Shakespeare. Ant. and Cleopatra.*

He is an imperious dictator of the principles of vice, and
impotent of all contradiction. *Mare's Divine Dialogues.*

How much I suffer'd, and how long I strove
Against th' assaults of this imperious love! *Dryden.*

Recollect what disorder haughty or imperious words from pa-
rents or teachers have caus'd in his thoughts. *Locke.*

2. Powerful; ascendant; overbearing.

A man, by a vast and imperious mind, and a heart large as
the land upon the sea-shore, could command all the knowledge
of nature and art. *Tillotson's Sermons.*

IMPERIOUSLY. *adv.* [*from imperious*.] With arrogance of
command; with insolence of authority.

Who's there, that knocketh to imperiously? *Shakespeare. H. VI.*

Who can abide, that, against their own doctors, fix who
books should, by their fatherhoods of Trent, be under pain
of a curse, imperiously obtruded upon God and his
church. *Hall.*

It is not to insult and domineer, to look disdainfully, and
revile imperiously, that procures an esteem from any one. *South.*

The fates, transported at th' approaching hour,
Imperiously thrice thunder'd on the floor! *Garth's Dispens.*

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2. Folly; rambling thought.

O, matter and impertinency mixt,
Reason and madness! *Shakespeare. King Lear.*

3. Troublesomeness; intrusion.

It will be said I handle an art no way suitable to my em-
ployments or fortune, and so stand charged with intrusion and
impertinency. *Watson's Architecture.*

We should avoid the vexation and impertinency of pedants,
who affect to talk in a language not to be understood. *Swift.*

4. Trifle; thing of no value.

I envy your felicity, delivered from the gilded impertinencies
of life, to enjoy the moments of a solid contentment. *Evelyn.*

Nothing is more easy than to represent as impertinencies any
parts of learning, that have no immediate relation to the hap-
piness or convenience of mankind. *Addison.*

There are many subtle impertinencies learnt in the schools,
and many painful trifles, even among the mathematical theo-
rems and problems. *Watts's Improvement of the Mind.*

IMPERTINENT. *adj.* [*impertinent*, Fr. *in* and *pertinens*, Latin.]

1. Of no relation to the matter in hand; of no weight.

The law of angels we cannot judge altogether impertinent
unto the affairs of the church of God. *Hooker.*

The contemplation of things that are impertinent to us, and
do not concern us, are but a more specious idleness. *Tillotson.*

2. Importunate; intrusive; meddling.

'Tis not a sign two lovers are together, when they can be
so impertinent as to enquire what the world does. *Pope.*

3. Foolish; trifling.

IMPERTINENTLY. *adv.* [*from impertinent*.]

1. Without relation to the present matter.

2. Troublesomely; officiously; intrusively.

I have had joy given me as preposterously, and as imperti-
nently, as they give it to men who marry where they do not
love. *Swift.*

The blindest of mortals, now the highest faint in the ce-
lestial hierarchy, began to be so impertinently importuned, that
great part of the liturgy was addressed solely to her. *Howell.*

Why will any man be so impertinently officious as to tell me
all this is only fancy? If it is a dream, let me enjoy it. *Addison.*

IMPERTINENTLY. *adv.* [*from impertinent*, Latin.]

1. Unpardonable; impetrate.

We may thence discern of how close a texture glass is,
since to very thin a film proved so impetrate to the air, that
it was forced to break the glass to free itself. *Boyle.*

Left the difficulty of passing back
Stay his return, perhaps, over this gulf

Impetrate, impetrate; let us try
To find a path from hell to that new world. *Milton.*

The cause of reflexion is not the impinging of light on the
solid or impetrate parts of bodies. *Newton's Opt.*

A great many vessels are, in this state, impetrate by the
fluids. *Arbuthnot.*

From the damp earth impetrate vapours rise,
Increase the darkness, and involve the skies. *Pope.*

2. Inaccessible. Perhaps improperly used.

A river's mouth impetrate to the wind,
And clear of rocks. *Pope's Odyssey.*

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The mind gives not only licence, but incitation to the
other passions to take their freest range, and act with the ut-
most impetuosity. *Decay of Piety.*

IMPETUOUS. *adj.* [*impetuous*, Fr. *from impetus*, Latin.]

1. Violent; forcible; fierce.

Their virtue, like their Tyber's flood,
Rolling its course, design'd their country's good;
But oft the torrent's too impetuous speed,
From the low earth tore some polluted weed. *Prior.*

2. Vehement; passionate.

The king, 'tis true, is noble, but impetuous. *Reive.*

IMPETUOUSLY. *adv.* [*from impetuous*.] Violently; vehe-
mently.

They view the windings of the hoary Nar;
Through rocks and woods impetuously he glides,
While froth and foam the fretting surface hides. *Addison.*

IMPETUOUSNESS. *n. f.* [*from impetuous*.] Violence; fury.

I with all words of this sort might vanish in that breath that
utters them; that as they resemble the wind in fury and im-
petuosity, so they might in transience. *Decay of Piety.*

IMPETUOUSLY. *adv.* [*from impetuous*.] Violent tendency to any point;
violent effort.

Why did not they continue their descent 'till they were con-
tinuous to the sun, whither both mutual attraction and impetus
carried them. *Bentley's Sermons.*

IMPETUOUSLY. *adv.* [*from impetuous*.] Impetrate; not to
be pierced.

Exceeding rage inflam'd the furious breast;
For never felt his impetrate breast
So wondrous force from hand of living wight. *Fa. Queen.*

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